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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111 and 37 CFR 1.53 is the ☐ Design ☒ Utility patent application of:

Inventor: ANDERSON ET AL.

Entitled: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CREATING A SUBSTANTIAL UNIFORM  
TEMPERATURE ACROSS A PLASTIC SHEET FOR DELIVERY TO AN  
APPLIANCE LINER THERMOFORMING DEVICE

☒ Customer Number or Bar Code Label

(Insert Customer No. or Attach Bar Code Label here)

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Enclosed are:

☒ 20 page(s) of written description, claims and abstract☒ 5 sheet(s) of drawings.☒ An assignment of the invention to: Maytag Corporation☐ Newly executed (original or copy) declaration of the inventor(s).☐ A certified copy of a priority document.☐ Applicant claims small entity status (see 37 CFR 1.27)☒ Preliminary Amendment.☒ Information Disclosure Statement w/ 19 refs.☒ Return Receipt Postcard☒ CONTINUING APPLICATION (see requisite information below and accompanying preliminary amendment, or Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76):☐ Continuation☒ Divisional☐ Continuation-In-Part (CIP)

of prior application 09/305,305

☒ Copy of declaration of the inventor(s) from a prior application (Continuation/Divisional information completed above)

Prior application information:

Examiner: Nguyen

Group Art Unit: 1732

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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			<input type="checkbox"/> Design..... \$160.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Design..... \$320.00
Total Claims	26 - 20 =	6	x \$9 =	x \$18 = 108.00
Independent Claims	2 - 3 =	0	x \$40 =	x \$80 =
Multiple Dependent Claims in Proper Form Presented			+ \$135 =	+ \$270 =
TOTAL:			\$	\$818.00

☒ A check in the amount of \$858.00 to cover the filing fee (and assignment recordation fee, if any) is enclosed.☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication, including patent application filing fees and processing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 37 CFR 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-1075. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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